

PRESCRIPTION PRODUCTS

Lansoprazole

Lansoprazole capsules are now available from Consilient Health. Net price, 28 × 15mg, £12.92, 28 × 30mg, £23.64. Legal category: POM.

SPC CHANGES

Lyrica

The summary of product characteristics for Lyrica (pregabalin; Pfizer) has been updated to include swollen face and swollen tongue as rare adverse events. See SPC.

DISCONTINUED PRODUCTS

Dermovate NN ointment

Dermovate (clobetasol propionate; GlaxoSmithKline) NN ointment has been discontinued. All other Dermovate presentations remain available.

Efcortelan 2.5 per cent 30g cream

Efcortelan (hydrocortisone; GlaxoSmithKline) 2.5 per cent cream 30g has been discontinued. All other strengths and presentations of Efcortelan remain available.

Negram

Negram (nalidixic acid; Sanofi-Synthelabo) tablets have been discontinued.

Pulmocare 250ml

Pulmocare (Abbott) 250ml can for enteral nutrition will be discontinued at the end of January. The 500ml ready-to-hang preparation will remain available.

SUPPLY ISSUES

Goldshield products

Deteclio (tetracycline; Goldshield) tablets 300mg will be unavailable until July. Supply problems affecting Lederfen (fenbufen; Goldshield) capsules 300mg have been resolved, but Lederfen tablets 300mg and 450mg will remain unavailable until May. Goldshield's methotrexate tablets 2.5mg are now available again.

Wyeth

Wyeth is currently experiencing problems supplying Premique (conjugated oestrogen) Low Dose tablets, Tri-Minulet (ethinylestradiol; gestodene) 3 × 21-tablet packs and Minulet (gestodene; ethinylestradiol) 3 ×

21-tablet packs. Medical information is available on 01628 415330, and customer services on 0845 330 0509.

PRODUCTS MISCELLANY

Bonefos

The marketing authorisations for Bonefos capsules, tablets and concentrate have been transferred to Schering Health Care. Ordering and medical queries should be directed to Schering on 0845 609 6767.

AWARDS

ABPI pharmacy awards

Applications are being sought for the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry pharmacy awards. The awards are open to practising pharmacists in Britain who have shown innovative practice that has improved the use of medicines. The prize is sponsored attendance at the British Pharmaceutical Conference. Application forms are available from ABPI, 12 Whitehall, London SW1A 2DY or via www.abpi.org.uk. Closing date 30 April.

RESOURCES

Hypogonadism

An online educational resource for health professionals on diagnosis, treatment and management of hypogonadism has been launched. The website, supported by Ipsen, has practice guidelines, educational material for patients, slide resources and useful links. It is available at www.HIM-link.com.

FUTURE EVENTS

Patient safety

The National Patient Safety Agency conference, "Patient safety 2006", International Convention Centre, Birmingham, 1-2 February. Cost £550 (NHS and public sector £425). Further information on 020 8233 2827 (e-mail enquiries@patientsafety2006.nhs.uk).

CORRECTION

Drugs and operas

"Mercuric chloride" in Stephen Curry's Christmas miscellany article (*PJ*, 24/31 December 2005, p783) should have read "mercurous chloride".

DRUG RECALLS

Hycamtin (topotecan) 1mg vials

GlaxoSmithKline is recalling four batches of Hycamtin (topotecan) 1mg vials due to the presence of two solvent impurities from the vial stoppers.

Batch number	Expiry date	Pack size	First distributed
3024HUK1	07/2007	One vial	January 2005
3024HUK2	07/2007	One vial	February 2005
3034HUK1	10/2007	One vial	August 2005
3015HUK1	03/2008	One vial	October 2005

This product is supplied via specialist hospital clinics and the recall information is not being supplied to GPs or community pharmacists. Recipients are asked to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their supplier for credit. Medical information on 01895 452307. Information related to stock returns on 01284 717695.

Endoxana tablets 50mg

Baxter Healthcare Ltd is recalling the following batch of Endoxana (cyclophosphamide) tablets due to the presence of impurities above specified limits.

Batch number	Expiry date	Pack size	First distributed
4F764E	06/2007	100	January 2005

Recipients are asked to quarantine any remaining stock and return it to their supplier for credit. Medical information on 01635 206345. Information related to stock returns on 01635 206060.

CHRISTMAS COMPETITIONS

Christmas crossword solution

C	H	L	O	R	A	M	P	H	E	N	I	C	O	L
A	A	E		A	E	O	O	I						
L	I	V	E	D		N	I	C	K	N	A	M	E	S
C	O	I	E	K	R	E	E	U						
I	M	I	D	A	P	R	I	L	A	L	T	E	R	
U	S					I	E	N						
M	A	I	L	B	O	X		R	E	D	O	U	N	D
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E	A	R	D	R	U	M		S						
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O	R	I	B	I	G	R	A	P	H	I	C	A	L	
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I	S	P	A	G	H	U	L	A		N	O	R	M	A
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The Christmas crossword (*PJ*, 24/31 December 2005, p798) winner is Helena Guiblin, from Louth, Lincolnshire, who will receive a replica leech jar.

Christmas caption competition



The winner of our caption competition (*PJ*, 24/31 December 2005, p805) is Taner Zor, from Southampton, who will receive a £25 Marks & Spencer voucher. The winning caption uttered by the child was "Projectile vomiting in five, four, three, two . . ."